

Arkansas

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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 1 Percent From Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.9 million during the week ending August 26, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2005, but up 1 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.7 million chicks shipped in from other states.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.0 million, down 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up fractionally from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

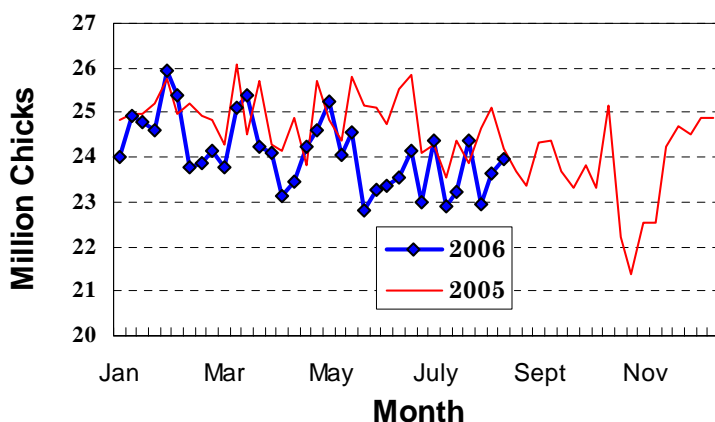
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 26, 2006, down 2 percent from the same period last year, and up slightly from the previous week.

Week Ending 1/	Chicks Placed			Chicks Hatched			Eggs Set		
	2005	2006	% of Prev. Year	2005	2006	% of Prev. Year	2005	2006	% of Prev. Year
	<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>			<i>Thousand</i>		
Jul. 22	23,557	22,880	97	25,045	24,526	98	30,955	29,980	97
Jul. 29	24,374	23,224	95	25,414	24,776	97	31,241	30,096	96
Aug. 5	23,883	24,382	102	25,573	24,991	98	30,963	30,155*	97
Aug. 12	24,663	22,941*	93	25,635	24,823	97	28,919	30,200	104
Aug. 19	25,125	23,635*	94	25,755	24,850	96	29,720	30,346	102
Aug. 26	24,187	23,946	99	25,653	24,956	97	31,034	30,429	98

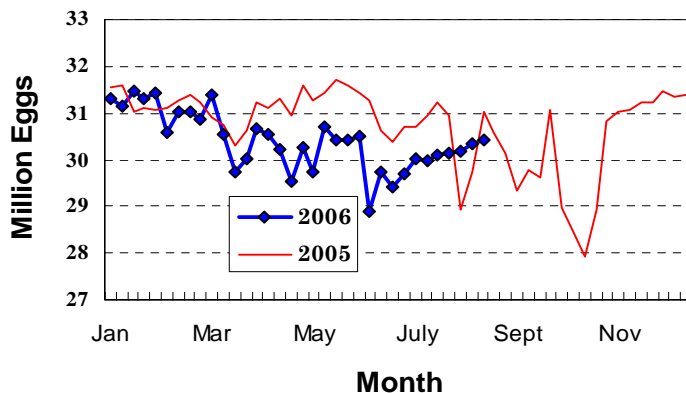
1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* Revised in current week

Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2005-2006



Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2005 - 2006



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Weeks, July 29 - August 26, 2006

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	29-Jul	5-Aug	12-Aug	19-Aug	26-Aug	% 1/	29-Jul	5-Aug	12-Aug	19-Aug	26-Aug	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	32,037	31,885 *	31,738	31,873	31,580	100	20,820	21,928	21,798	22,310	21,902	102
Arkansas	30,096	30,155 *	30,200	30,346	30,429	98	23,224	24,382	22,941 *	23,635 *	23,946	99
Delaware	4,075	4,110	4,112	4,008	3,824	101	5,242	5,116	4,662	5,331	4,449	76
Florida	1,364	1,389 *	1,344	1,353	1,364	99	1,388	1,534	1,410	1,510	1,516	102
Georgia	34,468	34,988	34,513	35,047	35,145	106	28,099	28,525	29,068	27,811	28,275	106
Kentucky	7,607 *	7,382	7,253	7,195	7,165	107	5,892	6,004	5,741	6,231 *	5,967	94
Louisiana	3,954	3,952	3,954	3,954	3,954	97	3,630	3,962	3,668	3,629	3,923	95
Maryland	8,867	8,831	8,797	8,862	8,766	98	6,154	6,062	6,454	5,844	6,621	126
Mississippi	17,914	17,864	17,693	17,628	17,700	95	15,924	15,990	15,975	15,894	16,028	94
N. Carolina	18,397	18,046 *	18,406	18,350	18,417	104	14,929	15,565	15,198	15,464	15,036	104
Oklahoma	6,555 *	6,620 *	6,432 *	6,264	6,456	97	5,047	4,029	5,874 *	5,238 *	4,523	103
Pennsylvania	4,246	3,962	3,984	4,104	4,086	97	2,841	3,063	3,042	2,970 *	2,735	91
S. Carolina	5,259	5,288	5,328	5,261	5,291	102	4,217	4,643	4,304	4,417	4,707	94
Texas	14,777	14,820	14,758	14,794	14,852	99	12,596	12,577	12,411	12,390	12,523	104
Virginia	6,323	6,279	6,326	5,917	5,917	95	5,669	5,143	4,775	4,995	4,929	95
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,250 *	17,883 *	18,148 *	18,093	18,234	100	17,035 *	16,606 *	17,035 *	16,727	17,108	94
19 State Total	214,189 *	213,454 *	212,986 *	213,049	213,180		172,707 *	175,129 *	174,356 *	174,396 *	174,188	
Prev. Year Total	214,171	213,068	210,010	212,244	212,598		175,277	177,097	177,045	176,063	174,673	
% of Prev. Year	100	100	101	100	100		99	99	98	99	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/.....							16-Sep	23-Sep	30-Sep	7-Oct	14-Oct	

* Revised in current week. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year. 2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement.

Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 26, 2006. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 26, 2006. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through August 26, 2006 were 5.93 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.